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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REVIEW HOW IT  
ALLOCATES FUNDING FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAM TRAVEL AND  
TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING PERMANENT  
OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS ON EACH ISLAND FOR TRAVELING HIGH  
SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAMS.

1           WHEREAS, interscholastic athletic programs can provide a  
2 safe and secure environment for students to experience teamwork,  
3 competition, physical development, and personal growth; and  
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5           WHEREAS, interscholastic athletic programs can help bridge  
6 the gap between academics and life after school by providing  
7 students an opportunity to make new friends from their school  
8 and the schools against which they compete; and  
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10           WHEREAS, interisland travel by high school athletic teams  
11 usually requires airfare, ground transportation, and meal  
12 allowances for the student-athletes, coaches, athletic trainers,  
13 and managers; and  
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15           WHEREAS, student-athletes from the three island high  
16 schools in Maui county have limited opportunities to travel for  
17 interscholastic athletic competition within their own league  
18 because the Department of Education has limited funds for  
19 transportation and accommodation; and  
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21           WHEREAS, student-athletes statewide have limited  
22 opportunities to travel for interscholastic athletic competition  
23 outside their own league, such as for preseason or state  
24 championship tournaments, because the Department of Education  
25 has limited funds for transportation and accommodation; and  
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27           WHEREAS, there may be Department of Education or other  
28 state facilities on one or more islands that would be suitable  
29 for dedicated or multiple use overnight accommodations for  
30 traveling high school athletic teams; and  
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1 WHEREAS, student-athletes from all islands, as much as  
2 possible, should have the same opportunities to compete against  
3 a broad range of opponents; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
7 of 2006, that the Department of Education is requested to:  
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9 (1) Review how it allocates travel funding for high school  
10 athletic teams between the various districts and  
11 schools; and  
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13 (2) Explore the feasibility of establishing permanent  
14 overnight accommodations on each island for traveling  
15 high school athletic teams by acquiring or leasing  
16 accommodations or by converting existing Department of  
17 Education or other state facilities to dedicated or  
18 multiple use accommodations; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
21 requested to report its findings and recommendations, including  
22 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than  
23 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
24 2007; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education,  
28 the Board of Education, and the principal and athletic director  
29 of each public high school in the State.  
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